



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
April 16, 2023

**SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY**  
**Pastor: Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Mission Statement**

**St. Mary's is a Roman Catholic community based on faith. We are committed to celebrating the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We believe we are called to serve the Lord and our community**

**Vision**

**St. Mary's Parish is committed to the discipleship of Jesus Christ in each of its members. We will encourage discipleship by providing educational programs for spiritual growth to include all age groups.**  
**We will promote and maintain our growing Christ centered ministries strengthening the family where ever possible. We will endeavor to understand and be accepting of every culture represented in our community with the goal of sharing the message and love of Christ with everyone we encounter.**

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE:**

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and our visitors. St. Mary's Catholic Church is where we pray, work, and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Pastor

## **Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

+ Aubrey & Henry Eick requested by Tom Eick

12:30PM

+ Antonio González & + María Isabel Morales requested by Leticia  
Gómez

## **Masses at St. Mary's**

- Sunday 10:00 A.M. (English) and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
- Every Wednesday 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 1st and 2nd Friday of the month 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 3rd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00 P.M. - Spanish Mass
- (If there is 5th Friday 10:00 A.M. English Mass)
- Confession: (Sunday) 9:30-9:50 A.M. and 11:45 - 12:20 P.M.

## **Holy Hour / Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament**

- 1st Friday of the month 10:30 -11:30A.M.
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of the Month 7:00 -8:00 P.M.
- First Sunday of the month right after 12:30 P.M. Mass

## **Masses at St. Francis**

- Saturday 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday 8:00 A.M. (No Mass, first Sunday of the month)
- Wednesday 1:00 P.M.
- Confession: Saturday 4:30 - 4:50 P.M.

## **Holy Hour / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

- 1st Wednesday of the month right after 1:00 P.M. Mass

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday during the Mass and Holy Hour at St. Mary's, Father will offer a healing blessing and an Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to**

## ***Sacraments***

*Baptisms – Contact the office in advance.*

*Weddings – Contact the office to schedule an appointment with Father at least 6 months in advance.*

*Confession/Penance – 9:30 and 12:30 on Sunday and any time by appointment.*

## ***PARISH OFFICE HOURS***

*Monday thru Friday: 8A.M.-12:00 P.M.*

*Fridays: 5:00 -8:00 P.M.*

*Sundays: 9:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M*

## **Calendar of Events**

### **April**

- 18** Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- 21** Knights of Columbus's Ukraine Benefit Dinner @ 6pm
- 29** Walk For Life in Charlottesville @10am
- 30** Last day of CCD

## Parish News and Notes

- During March and April, the Knights of Columbus are requesting donations of ball caps for our veterans at Salem VA Hospital. New or gently used caps are preferred. A labelled box is in the narthex for drop off. If you have any questions, please see any Knight or Len Thompson.
- **Walk for Life:** The Walk for Life will be **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at First Baptist Church in Charlottesville. This fundraiser will benefit Life Spring Pregnancy Center. Please see Mary Ann Popielarz if you would like to sponsor her. Thank you for your generosity.
- This year we will have **Vacation Bible School** again. The dates are **June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. All children ages 4 years and older are invited to attend. After the pandemic, this is a great way for children to get involved again and build relationships with others and with Jesus Christ. Registration sheets are in the office. There is no cost for this program. You can speak with Wayne & Cindy Parent for more information or with Raquel in the office.
- The Ladies Guild would like to thank all the parishioners who helped make the Easter Basket and Bake Sale a big success. Over \$800 was collected during the sale. A special thanks to Lynn Leader for sharing your time and talent in creating the Easter Basket stuffers.

The Ladies Guild have recently made the following donations to the church:

- \$418 for new altar cloths for the four seasons
  - A new liquid sanctuary candle. Thank you to Jerry Gress for his help in selecting the candle.
  - A first aid kit - located in the kitchen
- **Desserts for the Ukrainian Dinner on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:** In order for us to complete our dinner on a sweet note, we would like to ask parishioners to provide a desert for the dinner. There are 3 options for you to provide your dessert:

(1): bring the dessert with you when you come to dinner at the Heritage Center

(2): leave your dessert at the Heritage Center after 2:00 pm on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

(3): leave your dessert at church on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday - Thursday: April 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 12 noon. Please put a note on it that it is for the Ukrainian Dinner and place it in the refrigerator.

If you have any questions, please call or email Mary Anne Stevens: 434-263-4940, mastennis@earthlink.net. Thank you.

- **The Eucharist in My Life: Walking with Jesus.** Youth Encounter (for youth ages 14-18) offered by the Richmond Diocese and celebrated by Bishop Barry C. Knestout on **Saturday April 22, 2023** from **8:30-3:30pm** at The Westin Richmond, 6631 West Broad St. Richmond, VA. Price is \$20 per youth. For more information or help registering, please call the office. Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=46wom8sab&oeidk=a07ejoenfr8b9c6b8d5>.

- The **Diocesan 2023 Appeal** continues, the QR codes to donate electronically are in the bulletin, on the bulletin board and the front door. Envelopes to donate via paper the old way will be available at a table in the Narthex.

St. Mary's has contributed or pledged 72% of this year's goal of \$10,180.

If you have any issues Wayne Parent is always available to help, as is Raquel in the office, and you can call **Give Central** and they will help. But it is actually pretty easy. If you want to use the old way, we have packages with a pledge form that you can fill out and mail in the enclosed envelope. We

Catholic Community Foundation  
of the Diocese of Richmond  
2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Scan here to donate  
to the 2023 Annual  
Diocesan Appeal

For questions about your gift please call  
GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

will have those available if you request one. We will do the same next weekend at Mass.

The QR codes will be available in the church and contained here in the Bulletin for your use if desired. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TO GIVE TO THE 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL.**

- **EWTN Kids Faith Adventures** is a free, fun and fortified programming with important lessons to build a strong foundation of faith. Give your children entertainment you can feel good about. Stream on any device or watch on channels 370 (DirectTV) and 261 (Dish Network). Visit [www.ewtnkids.com](http://www.ewtnkids.com) for more information.

## CCD INFORMATION

Please keep the following dates and times in mind:

**Last day of CCD:** April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion First Confession & Rehearsal:** Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

**Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

909-762-3829

[briandudley@gmail.com](mailto:briandudley@gmail.com)

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FOR EMERGENCY USE AFTER HOURS THE PHONE NUMBER AT THE RECTORY FOR  
FATHER ROGER IS 434-361-6007.

## St Mary Security System Procedures

The new security system at St. Mary requires a 4-digit number to be inputted within 60 seconds of unlocking the front door. If you do not have a code to input, then the alarm will be set off and several people will be immediately notified as well as the Sheriff's office. If you have access to the outside lock box but do not have a 4-digit code, you **do not** have access to the church. If you are having a meeting during normal working hours then the system should be off if people are already in the church. If you have a question, or if you require access to the church call the office at 434-263-8509.

### **SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.**

**eGiving** is a secure online method of supporting our parish. It is provided by the **Catholic Foundation in Richmond**. You can easily sign up at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>. You can also easily opt out of any planned gifts at any time.

You can also still give via the envelope method. Please see contact the office to sign up for envelopes or email the parish secretary at [secretary@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org).

### **COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2023**

	March	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 4,682.00	\$ 65,527.00
12:30 PM Mass	2,819.00	23,995.00
Wintergreen	-	3,553.00
e-giving	4,055.00	37,582.74
Holyday	-	7,628.00
Other Donations	-	3,255.63
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 11,556.00</b>	<b>\$141,541.37</b>
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
YTD Budget		127,500.00
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		<b>\$ 14,041.37</b>

*Note:* The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available. See Raquel or Jerry in the Parish office.

## **Communications**

We are now publishing electronically a Bulletin which is distributed via Flock notes and posted on our website. If you are not receiving it, please sign up for a **Flocknotes** account. You can do so by **texting GUADALUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441**. There are small cards with this info available in the Narthex and on the Bulletin Board.

If you do not text, you can still register with an email by going to <https://StMaryCatholicChurch12.flocknote.com/everyone>. Only a name and email is required to register but if you have a text number that is highly recommended to ensure you don't miss any important material or communication from the pastor or church.

## **Prayer List**

Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Annabelle Laudeman, Dave Smith, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Sr. Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Richard Painter.

*Please call the office at 434-263-8509 to have someone placed on this prayer list.*

## **Readings** for the next week.

Sunday April 23, 2023, Third Sunday of Easter

I. Acts 2:14, 22-33

II. 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**Lectors** – Kay Thompson and Anita Doran

**Coffee Hostesses Team 1:** Mary Anne Stevens, Becky Davis, Kay Thompson, Teresa Pitts (Flynn)



## **Altar Servers (Tom Eick) (540) 430-7661**

Anyone interested in helping in this area please contact Tom Eick at 540-430-7661 or [thomaseick4@gmail.com](mailto:thomaseick4@gmail.com).

## **Lectors 10 AM Mass Mary Anne Stevens (434) 263-4940**

April 16	I. Jerry Gress II. Tom Eick
April 23	I. Kay Thompson II. Anita Doran
April 30	I. Marti Naro II. Carolyn Drumheller

## **Migrant Worker Ministry.**

Workers have arrived at several camps. We are planning to make visits starting next week. If you want to be part of this very rewarding work, let me know. If you have men's clothing to donate, please do so ASAP. Please see Wayne Parent for a large donation and put smaller things in the tub provided in the Narthex. Sweatshirts, towels, blankets, jeans, socks and gloves are always in demand. Thanks to all who have donated in the past and those who will donate in the future. Wayne Parent 571-477-5045, [Comms@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:Comms@stmarylovingston.org).

## **Prison Ministry Jackie Castro (240) 620-1465**

Please consider joining the Prison Ministry. We are few in numbers and cannot say enough how fulfilling visiting the residents at Buckingham Correctional Center is. The gentlemen of the St. Mary's Community we encounter there are so memorable and capable of sharing their devotion to our Lord. It truly has become one of the best days of our month. They appreciate having visitors since many do not have family near, which makes it a good time to begin the process of joining the Prison Ministry. If you have any please call Jackie Castro at 240-620-1465.

**Ladies Guild (Mary Ann Popielarz /Mary Anne Stevens)**  
**(434) 996-8081                      (434) 263-494**



**John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 16535**  
**Grand Knight – Wayne Parent**  
**Deputy Grand Knight – Len Thompson**

**This year’s Officers were installed on July 12 by District Deputy and Father Roger. For a complete list of all the Officers, see the list posted on the Parish’s bulletin board.**

Our Knights are actively collecting RSVPs for the **Ukrainian Benefit Dinner**. Please get yours in before **1<sup>st</sup> of April** as once again we plan to fly in the sausage from Chicago. Also, we are accepting any and all donations to the Fund. The Knights of Columbus has made a movie called **SOLIDARITY IN UKRAINE** and it is being shown on ABC affiliates. The link to the trailer of the movie is <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/solidarity-with-ukraine.html>.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are now taking RSVPs for the **Ukraine Benefit** on **21<sup>st</sup> of April**. The RSVP form is found in the office and RSVPs can also be an email sent to [kofcovingston@gmail.com](mailto:kofcovingston@gmail.com) or a completed form placed in the box in the Narthex.

Presented by the Knights of Columbus, Lovington

# Ukraine Benefit

April 21, 2023 6-9 PM

**Nelson Heritage Center RT 29 S**  
Credit Cards, Checks, Cash Accepted, Ages 0-5 Free!  
6-12 \$10, 13 and above \$20 Per Person  
Reservations: [kofcovingston@gmail.com](mailto:kofcovingston@gmail.com) Donations Gratefully Accepted

Authentic Smoked Sausage, Pierogies, Borscht, Stuffed Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Cucumber Salad, Generous Selection of Desserts!  
Beer and Wine Cash Bar \$5 Per Serving.

**Music by Matty Metcalfe - One Man Oompah Band!**  
Music From: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Last year's event was a great success, please help us make this year's version just as successful. Stay tuned for more details.

**Join the Knights!** Our Knights of the John Paul II Council have in a few short years established the council as the go-to organization if you need help with any efforts at the parish (Special Masses and Feast Days, funerals, weddings, etc.). The council raises several thousand dollars each year to donate to Charitable organizations (Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Lifespring Pregnancy Center, KOVAR and more). We hold dinners and breakfasts to raise funds and partner with the Ladies Guild to make purchases for the parish (Pascal Candle, Outside Nativity Scene, etc.). Our members are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD Teachers and more. If you want to be part of this effort, see Wayne Parent, Len Thompson or any Knight (wearing nametags at Mass). We would be happy to have another Catholic Gentleman join our ranks. You must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries for April**

### April Birthdays

- 1 Abigail Mason
- 3 Nancy Kritzer
- 6 Kyle Kelly, Greg Wade
- 10 Abril Casimiro Santarrosa
- 13 Peggy Nees, Zoe Davis, Ruger Young, Yodi Morales Garcia, Cathey McCann
- 19 Sue Ellen Petchul
- 20 Jorge Lopez Lopez, Stacy Puzon, Elizabeth Mason
- 24 Gary Jaketic
- 25 Ed Camden, Thomas Alcantara Casimiro
- 26 Abigail Vega Muñoz, Erika Martinez
- 27 Jeremiah Mahoney
- 28 Paul Naro

### April Anniversaries

13 Henry & Karina Lopez

16 James & Barbara Tinsley, Linda Whitlock & Terry Brown

19 Richard & Judy Plourde

24 Dick & Peggy Nees

28 Bruce & Lynn Leader

**Please submit your name and birthday or anniversary to the office to be included:  
secretary@stmarylovingston.org or 434-263-8509.**